

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [00131], at page 25 as follows:

[00131] Non-limiting examples of viscosity enhancers include those discussed above in Section 5.2. When a viscosity enhancer is used, it is present in an amount sufficient to provide a viscosity that substantially delays sedimentation or precipitation of the active-loaded particle. In one embodiment, the viscosity enhancer is present in an amount sufficient to achieve an apparent viscosity of about 30 to 3000 mPa.s at 20°C; in another embodiment, the viscosity enhancer is present in an amount sufficient to achieve an apparent viscosity of about 500-1000 mPa.s at 20°C.